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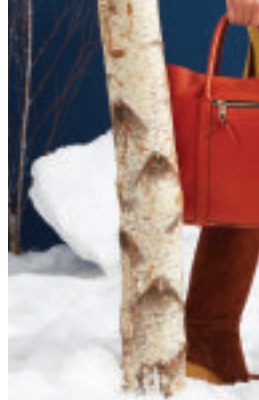
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# Bill Bratton to return as NYPD commissioner

## Back in blue.

Mayor-Elect Bill de Blasio named former Police Commissioner Bill Bratton to head the NYPD.

After what he described as countless interviews and days of deliberation, Mayor-Elect Bill de Blasio announced his pick for police commissioner.

The position is going to the candidate most believed to be a clear front-runner: one-time Police Commissioner Bill Bratton.

Bratton was the NYPD's top cop from 1994 to 1996 under former Mayor Rudy Giuliani. Prior to that, he led the New York City Transit Police from 1990 to 1992 before returning to his hometown of Boston for a stint as the BPD Police Commissioner.

Bratton also spent seven years as the Chief of Police for the Los Angeles Police Department, from 2002 to 2009.

In recent years, Bratton has maintained a lucrative career in the private sector.

On Thursday, standing beside his new boss, Bratton thanked de Blasio for the opportunity "to once again return to this profession that I love so much."

Bratton acknowledged that there are some who do not have confidence in



Bill Bratton holds up the book that he said inspired him to become a police officer. / GETTY IMAGES

### Experience

Bratton led the NYC Transit Police, which merged with the Housing Authority Police Department, from 1990 to 1992.

- Bratton then returned to his hometown of Boston, where he eventually served as the police commissioner.

- Bratton served as police commissioner under Mayor Rudy Giuliani from 1994 to 1996.

- After spending some time in the private sector, the man once called "America's top cop" took over the LAPD as chief of police from 2002 to 2009.

### Love of his life

**"I love this city; I love this department. I have had a love affair with it since 1956."**

Bill Bratton holding a library book he discovered at the age of 9 called "Your Police."

his dedication to reforming stop-and-frisk and community-police relations in the way that de Blasio promised during his campaign.

"He's laying a lot on the line with this appointment, and I understand that," Bratton said.

While many politicians hailed the decision, some of de Blasio's supporters were more cautious.

Communities United for Police Reform and the New York Civil Liberties Union both made sure to note their eagerness to work with Bratton, but also reminded de Blasio of the promises he had made.

"The mayor won election on the promise to close the book on the tale of two cities, and New

Yorkers from all backgrounds have made clear that we will hold him to that promise," said Donna Lieberman, executive director of the NYCLU.

The Center for Constitutional Rights, the lead attorneys representing the plaintiff in the landmark stop-and-frisk lawsuit *Floyd v. City of New York*, also put out a statement.

"We hope Bratton's appointment is not a signal from de Blasio that the NYPD will be ramping up so-called 'broken windows' policing, surveillance and numbers-driven policing," the statement said.



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## New Yorkers mourn Nelson Mandela



Nelson Mandela received the key to the city in 2005. / OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Though Nelson Mandela, the South African civil rights icon, died nearly 8,000 miles away, New Yorkers felt the extraordinary loss Thursday.

At Madiba, a South African restaurant in Fort Greene, Brooklyn, mourners gathered shortly after hearing that Mandela died at 95 years old.

"We're going to have candles and we're going to have South African music," said Madiba general manager Denis Du Preez, who

### Civil rights leader

**"He's our icon, he's our hero, he's our father: a president who didn't care about politics."**

Denis Du Preez

is from South Africa.

The restaurant has celebrated his birthday, dubbed Mandela Day, ever since opening in 1999.

In 1990, Mayor David Dinkins organized a ticker-tape parade in his honor. Following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Mandela visited the city.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg presented Mandela with the key to the city in 2005. In a statement Thursday, the mayor said he was "one of the most transformative and influential figures in modern history."

Flags at City Hall were lowered at half-staff in his honor. **ANNA SANDERS**

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## NEWS

### Quoted

**"We live in a far better world today because of the life and work of Nelson Mandela. He met hatred with reason, intolerance with resolve."**

Mayor-Elect Bill de Blasio

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## Cold crime

Teen robbed  
of jacket at  
knifepoint

A teen who had planned to trade jackets with someone he met online ended up being robbed at knifepoint, cops said.

The victim, 17, entered the East 180th Street train station in the Bronx about 6 p.m.



The suspect / NYPD

on Nov. 30 to meet the suspect, whom he knew through Facebook. He thought he was going to exchange his Pelle Pelle jacket for a different one, but the suspect approached the victim with two others.

One of the other two suspects brandished a knife while the Facebook "friend" removed the victim's jacket.

The three suspects fled the location; no injuries were reported.

Last month, a teen opened fire at the Bryant Park skating rink and shot two people after he tried to steal a Marmot Mammoth coat from one of the victims.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 800-577-TIPS (8477). **LAURA SHIN**



Laurie Cumbo is the councilwoman-elect for Crown Heights. / FACEBOOK

## Cumbo links 'knockout' to Jewish-black tensions

**Controversial.** The councilwoman-elect suggested relations between the groups in Crown Heights is not as good as it is currently perceived to be.

neighborhood by the growing Jewish community.

"My comments regarding my thoughts on the origin of the ['knockout game'] came from a place of wanting to get to the heart of the matter, as uncomfortable as that might be for many," she wrote.

Some leaders were quick to express their disagreement. Assemblyman Dov Hikind wrote in a letter to Cumbo that he believes her comments were counterproductive.

"Expressing, as you have, a sympathy for those who hold the success of the Jewish community in contempt — as a success 'not their own' — almost rings as an apology for those who are committing violent crimes as a response to their resentment," he said.

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An incoming city councilwoman is being criticized after she blamed recent "knockout game" attacks on the tension between black and Jewish communities in her neighborhood.

Councilwoman-elect Laurie Cumbo, who will represent Crown Heights when she takes office next month, posted a letter on her Facebook page earlier this week saying that she believes some black constituents fear that they will be pushed out of the neigh-

### Vicious game

The "knockout game" involves punching a victim in the head without warning and knocking them unconscious.

- Attacks seeming to fit that description have

been caught on video in various cities, including Pittsburgh, Hoboken and St. Louis.

- The game seems to target people of all demographics.

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## Queens. Nonprofit executive charged with stealing grants

The head of a Queens nonprofit was arrested and charged with stealing some \$373,000 in government grants between 2006 and 2013.

Dr. Dorothy Ogundu, the executive director of Angeldocs Inc., allegedly used the nonprofit to siphon the money from city, state and federal grants meant for capital improvements and programs, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said Thursday.

"City, state and federal funds intended to serve New Yorkers in need should not be used to line the pockets of people running charities," Schneiderman said in a statement. Ogundu is charged with stealing a portion of 12 grants awarded to Angeldocs by filing false reimbursement requests and making false statements.

She turned herself in

### Charges

Ogundu is charged with stealing a portion of 12 grants awarded to her nonprofit.

- Of \$373,000 in grants she allegedly stole, \$91,000 was from the city.
- She pleaded not guilty to grand larceny and forgery, among other charges.

to police Thursday and pleaded not guilty to grand larceny and forgery, among other charges. She was released on her own recognizance.

Gary Farrell, her attorney, would not comment on the charges but said that she does "excellent work as a physician" and helps people. **ANNA SANDERS**



## Fast-food workers take to the streets

Fast-food workers across New York City staged protests on Thursday demanding higher wages. The one-day strike was part of a national effort calling for the minimum wage to be raised from \$7.25 to \$15 and for fast-food workers to be able to form unions without the threat of intimidation. The protests happened in more than 100 cities. / GETTY IMAGES

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Details about the Metro-North train accident that happened Sunday are still coming to light. / GETTY IMAGES

# Derailed train had an alert mechanism

**Safety.** The system was not set up in the driver's car though, according to a source.

The New York commuter train that derailed, killing four people on Sunday, had a safety system designed to keep its engineer alert, but it was not installed in the car from which he was controlling the train, a source familiar with the railroad's operations said.

The engineer, William Rockefeller, 46, told authorities he became dazed and lost focus shortly before the crash as the train took a curve at three times the speed limit, investigators said.

The source said Metro-North commuter railroad trains such as the one on the ill-fated Poughkeepsie-New York City run are equipped with two safety systems to alert fatigued or distracted engineers.

In one system, an alert sounds every 25 seconds the train is in motion unless the engineer makes at least a minor movement of the throttle or

## Push and pull

Few, if any, Metro-North trains set up in similar push-pull configurations — where the locomotive pulls the train one way, then pushes it on the return trip — are equipped with the driver alert system at both ends, the source said.

- The Federal Railway Administration and National Transportation Safety Board declined to comment on the alert systems on the derailed train, saying such information is part of the ongoing accident investigation.

## Questions linger

**"I know the locomotive end would have had to have this touch system. But I don't know the model of the car, so I can't say for sure whether or not it was equipped with the system."**

Michael McLendon

controller, indicating he or she is alert. If the engineer is idle, the system soon automatically starts applying the train's brakes.

On the train that derailed on the curve entering Spuyten Duyvil station in the Bronx, the

diesel locomotive was equipped with the driver alert system, the source said.

But the driver was running the train from a "control cab" at the front of the first passenger carriage, not from the locomotive pushing seven carriages from the rear, and this control cab did not have the alerting system, the source added.

"The locomotive had an alerter. The [control] cab didn't," the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity during an ongoing investigation.

Michael McLendon, a recently retired assistant director of Metro-North's shops and facilities team, confirmed the source's description, although he was unable to say how the derailed train was equipped. **REUTERS**





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# Nelson Mandela: From activist to world icon

## In memoriam.

Mandela, South Africa's first black president, died on Thursday at 95.

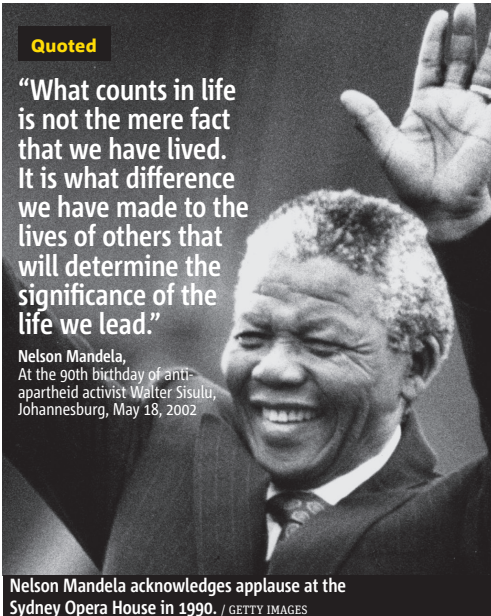
Former South African President Nelson Mandela died peacefully at his Johannesburg home on Thursday after a prolonged lung infection, President Jacob Zuma said. In a nationally televised address, Zuma said South Africa's first black president would be accorded a full state funeral. He ordered flags to be flown at half mast.

Mandela's cell in Robben Island, where he spent 18 of his 27 years in prison, is now a virtual

## Quoted

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

Nelson Mandela, At the 90th birthday of anti-apartheid activist Walter Sisulu, Johannesburg, May 18, 2002



Nelson Mandela acknowledges applause at the Sydney Opera House in 1990. / GETTY IMAGES

shrine for tourists and political figures alike. But Mandela was much more than a long-suffering prisoner; he was a world leader and 20th century icon.

"His building a future for South Africa was a huge feat," said Stephen Chan, professor of international relations at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London and author of numerous books on southern Africa. "He helped draft what may be the world's best constitution. He was key in establishing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which was crucial in helping the country deal with its apartheid past. He was also a highly moral politician, setting the tone for the whole continent by stepping down after

## On education

"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world."

Mandela touted the importance of education in a speech at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg during July 2003.

one term."

Lilias van Wyk, a white South African who lived through apartheid, is full of admiration for Mandela. "We all think he was a fantastic man," she told Metro. "It's amazing what he accomplished without any violence or shooting—and [with] his dignity!"



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## He became a saint

## Nelson Mandela's image

Mandela was no angel. "He became a saint because we made him one," said Chan. "We made him one to justify not putting enough pressure on the apartheid government to release him." And though South African lore sees him as an old man who magically emerged from prison to rule his country, the reality is more nuanced. Explained Chan: "The four years between his release and his election as president in 1994 were turbulent. He had to go on a steep learning curve." And, while Mandela was in charge as president, he mainly provided strategic direction and left the nitty-gritty of governing to his deputy, Thabo Mbeki.

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NEW YORK - The Toll Free Hotlines are ringing off the hook.

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NYC area residents who get the new Heat Surge® Mini-Glo Efficiency Heaters by calling the Toll Free Hotlines before the 48-hour order deadline ends will never have to pay high heat bills again.

"We all know that freezing cold weather is setting in and heat bills are going to skyrocket this winter. That's why I've given the directive to give the first NYC area residents who call in the next 48 hours a massive discount on our brand new Mini-Glo Efficiency Heaters," said David Martin, General Manager of U.S. based Heat Surge.

And here's the best part. Everyone who calls the Toll Free Hotline is getting a massive discount allowing them to claim the new heaters for just \$149 and shipping and handling as long as they call before the 48-hour deadline ends.

Heat Surge's latest heating miracle is being called the Mini-Glo Efficiency because its micro design easily goes from room to room to help you save a ton on heat bills.

Demand for Heat Surge heaters has skyrocketed to stardom ever since consumer reviews surfaced showing just how much money ultra-efficient zone heat saves people on heat bills which is why this announcement is being so widely advertised.

According to the avalanche of consumer reviews for the original Heat Surge heaters, people absolutely swear by them, repeatedly saying, "it saves money," "looks beautiful," and "keeps you warm and cozy." That's why NYC area residents will be scrambling to get them starting at precisely 8:30am this morning.

The new Heat Surge Mini-Glo Efficiency heats for just fourteen cents an hour to drastically slash home heat bills.

In fact, it gives you 74° of bone-soothing room heat even when the home thermostat is turned down to 59°. That means you can zone heat and never be cold again. And since it only uses about the same energy per hour as a coffee maker you'll save a ton on your heat bills, too.

"We're bracing ourselves for all

the calls because everyone who wants to really save on their heat bills and stay warm this winter will be calling immediately to make sure they get their new heater at a massive discount," said Martin.

"To make sure everyone gets their new Heat Surge Mini-Glo Efficiency Heater before the harsh winter weather hits, UPS® drivers have been instructed to make home deliveries anywhere in the United States," Martin said.

"Just remember, to get your new heater you must find the first two digits of your zip code listed in today's publication and be one of the first NYC area residents to call the Toll Free Hotline at 1-888-414-2571 before the 48-hour deadline ends," he said. ■



■ **ON THEIR WAY:** New Heat Surge Mini-Glo Efficiency Heaters will soon be delivered to lucky NYC area residents who beat the 48-hour order deadline and live in one of the zip code areas listed in today's publication. Everyone's getting the Upstairs-Downstairs Efficiency Combo of two Heat Surge Mini-Glo Efficiency Heaters because they only use pennies an hour of electricity to drastically slash home heat bills.

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## Report. NSA gathers data on cell phone locations globally

The National Security Agency gathers nearly 5 billion records a day on the location of mobile telephones worldwide, including those of some Americans, the Washington Post reported on Wednesday, citing sources including documents obtained by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden.

The records feed a database that stores information about the

locations of "at least hundreds of millions of devices," the newspaper said, according to the top-secret documents and interviews with intelligence officials.

The report said the NSA does not target Americans' location data intentionally, but acquires a substantial amount of information on the whereabouts of domestic cellular telephones "incidentally." **REUTERS**



Advocates responded to the Post report by calling on Congress to take up legislation to reform NSA data-gathering programs. / GETTY IMAGES

### Opinion

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# THE 'DO NOTHING' SANTA CLAUS

### Quoted

**I sigh. This is going to be a tough conversation. "Well, Santa, they have quite a list."**

It's a late night at the office. The Capitol glows above the tree lots. Amid the rumble of traffic, sirens, and Salvation Army bell ringers, my phone jangles. I answer to a voice brimming like a punch bowl.

"Hello, Tom! Are you ready for a visit from an old buddy up North who knows how to celebrate?"

"Mayor Ford?"

"No, it's Santa! So tell me, what do all the little lawmakers want down there in D.C. this holiday season?"

I sigh. This is going to be a tough conversation. "Well, Santa, they have quite a list."

I rattle off the Republican wishes: smaller government, the complete collapse of Obamacare, a candidate for president who doesn't scare children and maybe a runway caribou to drag Hillary off to the Yukon.

Then I do the same for the Democrats: bigger government, the complete validation of Obamacare, a candidate who can resurrect that whole "hope and change" thing and perhaps a mob of elves to waylay John Boehner outside the tanning salon and drug him with spiked eggnog.

"Hmmm," Santa says. "What happened to all those requests I was expecting for jobs programs, immigration reform and maybe even gun control?"

"Some of them are still interested in that, but not enough to get

anything going. See, it's all about winning these days."

"But don't they understand," Santa says, "I have a sack full of things they'd all agree on and that would actually help the nation?"

"Sure they do," I say. "But that means sharing credit, and neither side is interested in that."

"So I don't suppose they'd like a nice big stocking full of bipartisan cooperation?"

"About as much as fruitcake."

There is a long pause. "I hate to say it," Santa mumbles, "but if I can't give a present to one side without making the other one furious, I wonder if I should just do nothing in D.C. this year."

"Do nothing? You mean, give up? Not even try?" I say. "Yeah. That sounds about right."

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## Benefits. US charges 49 Russian diplomats with health care fraud

U.S. prosecutors have charged 49 current and former Russian diplomats and their family members with participating in a scheme to get health benefits intended for the poor by lying about their income.

The charges come against a backdrop of tense exchanges between Russia and the United States over law enforcement actions in both countries.

Meanwhile, according to the charges, the family members had their housing costs paid for by the

Russian government and spent "tens of thousands of dollars" on vacations, jewelry and luxury goods from stores like Swarovski and Jimmy Choo. **REUTERS**

### Benefits

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According to the charges, filed in November and unsealed Thursday, diplomats' families got around \$1.5 million in benefits from the Medicaid program for families with low incomes — in many cases around \$3,000 or less. The benefits covered costs related to pregnancies, births and infant care.



Some of the money was spent in Jimmy Choo stores. / GETTY IMAGES

### Adoption

## Russia launches criminal inquiry into US child trafficking

Russian federal investigators have launched a criminal probe into suspected child trafficking in the United States following a Reuters investigation which found that adopted children, some born in Russia, were being traded on the Internet.

The Investigative Committee opened the case after the reports found "adopted Russian children being transferred to different families in breach of their rights," spokesman Vladimir Markin said in a statement on Thursday.

In a practice known as "private re-homing," people seeking to unload children, and adults seeking to take them, connect through online forums on Yahoo and Facebook, privately arranging custody transfers that can bypass government oversight and sometimes violate the law. **REUTERS**



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## Sectarian violence

## UN approves French action in Central African Republic

Rival militia forces fought fierce battles in Central African Republic's capital on Thursday and the U.N. authorized French military action to halt Muslim-Christian sectarian violence that threatens to escalate into widespread civilian massacres.

A Reuters witness and an aid worker said at least 105 people

were killed in the fighting between former rebels now in charge of the country and a mix of local militia and fighters loyal to ousted President Francois Bozize. Many were civilians.

Mindful of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, the United States and other Western powers have urged swift international action to prevent the anarchy in Central African Republic leading to major atrocities against the civilian population.

REUTERS

## Federal report

## Pregnancy rate dips to 12-year low

The pregnancy rate among U.S. women fell to its lowest point in 12 years in 2009, continuing its slide from a peak in 1990, according to U.S. government data

released on Thursday. While rates for women aged 30 and younger fell between 1990 and 2009, with a notable decline among teenagers, they increased for those aged 30 and older, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. **REUTERS**

# Suicide car bomber and gunmen kill 52 in Yemen assault



A car is burning at the site of a suicide car bombing at the defence ministry in the Yemeni capital, Sanaa, on Dec. 5. / GETTY IMAGES

## No responsibility.

A Yemeni expert on Islamist militant affairs said it bore the hallmarks of al Qaeda.

A suicide bomber and gunmen wearing army uniforms attacked Yemen's defense ministry, killing 52 people, including foreign medical staff on Thursday, government sources said, in the worst single militant assault in Yemen in 18 months.

One attacker drove a car packed with explosives into the gate of the ministry's compound,

then gunmen in another vehicle sped in and opened fire on soldiers and doctors and nurses working at a hospital inside, witnesses told Reuters.

The coordinated strikes wounded 167 people, said the Yemeni government's security committee. Two German and two Vietnamese doctors, and one Indian and two Filipino nurses were among the dead, it added.

Yemen has been grappling with al Qaeda-linked militants who have repeatedly attacked government officials and installations over the past two years.

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## Pre-action star

### 'Daniel and Sam'

**Liam Neeson:** The esteemed Irish actor reinvented himself with 2008's "Taken" and has now become one of the most successful — if unlikely — action stars in the world.

## Thomas

**Brodie-Sangster:** The 23-year-old has grown up on TV and movie screens, with roles in "Doctor Who" and "Nowhere Boy." He now stars on "Game of Thrones."

# Looking back at 'Love'

## Anniversaries.

Here's where the stars of the ultimate stammering British rom-com are now.

Richard Curtis swears he didn't set out to make a Christmas classic with "Love Actually," which just turned 10 years old. But that's exactly what happened. "I certainly didn't think, 'This is a cunning commercial measure,'" Curtis tells Metro. "Particularly in the States, I think it's become a Christmas thing. I think it's just kind of on a loop on some English TV stations [year round], but I think it's become more of a Christmas thing. And it's delightful."

What Curtis finds particularly entertaining is what's become of the film's massive cast, originally designed as a mix of big stars (Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson) and lesser-knowns (Chiwetel Ejiofor, Andrew Lincoln). "It now seems over-cast because half the cast weren't very well-known [at the time], only if you really watched a lot of English telly," he says. "And now with Martin Freeman being 'The Hobbit' and with [Lincoln on] 'The Walking Dead' and with January Jones on 'Mad Men' and Chiwetel now I hope going to win an Oscar, the movie's looking increasingly unbalanced."

In that spirit, here's a look at what the ensemble



Hugh Grant and Martine McCutcheon flank an octopus boy in "Love Actually." / UNIVERSAL HOME VIDEO

of "Love Actually" has been up to lately.

## 'The Prime Minister and Natalie'

**Hugh Grant:** Currently filming "The Man from U.N.C.L.E." for Guy Ritchie, Grant was last seen playing several nasty characters in "Cloud Atlas" and taking on Rupert Murdoch in the News of the World phone-hacking scandal.

**Martine McCutcheon:** A familiar face with U.K. audiences when the film premiered, thanks to her work on "EastEnders," McCutcheon will next be seen in the TV movie "The Home Office."

## 'Jamie and Aurelia'



The great Bill Nighy was once randy singer Billy Mack. / UNIVERSAL

**Colin Firth:** Already a fan favorite at the time thanks to "Pride and Prejudice" and "Bridget Jones's Diary," the very busy Firth is now an Oscar-winner for "The King's Speech."

**Lucia Moniz:** The Portuguese actress and singer has been working steadily on TV in her home country, most

recently on "Bem-Vindos a Beirais."

## 'Billy Mack and Joe the manager'

**Bill Nighy:** The incredibly busy Nighy — who turns 64 this month — most recently re-teamed with Richard Curtis for "About Time" and is set

## Oscar hopefuls



YES, THAT'S CHIWETEL EJIOFOR. / UNIVERSAL HOME VIDEO

## 'Peter, Juliet and Mark'

**Keira Knightley:** Already a star on the rise 10 years ago, Knightley is now an Oscar nominee who can next be seen in "Can a Song Save Your Life?" and "Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit."

**Chiwetel Ejiofor:** After years of under-the-radar supporting roles, Ejiofor is a Best Actor hopeful this year for the powerful "12 Years a Slave."

**Andrew Lincoln:** Lincoln went relatively unnoticed for years until taking the lead role in TV's "The Walking Dead," now in its fourth season.

to start the sequel to "The Best Exotic Mari-gold Hotel."

**Gregor Fisher:** Fischer has been doing plenty of work on the small screen in Britain in series like "Empty," "Rab C. Nesbitt" and "Love Life."



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## Ho ho ho. Santa Claus sits down with us

The countdown to Christmas is officially on, and nobody is more excited than Santa Claus himself. The big man in red is performing in Radio City Music Hall's annual "Christmas Spectacular" through Dec. 30, plus there's all that toy-making and list-checking — but he did find a few minutes to chat with us.

**Greetings, Santa! We're so grateful to speak with you, considering how hectic your schedule must be right now.**

## Cookie monster

### What cookies do you like?

I'm trying to lean toward oatmeal and raisin — it's a little healthier for me.

It's the most wonderful time of the year! It is busy, but it is always a delight.

**How do you manage your time?**  
That's one of the most dif-

ficult things about the job — that it does take a lot of time and energy, focus, concentration, meditation and prayers.

### Santa meditates?

Of course, everyone should have a little meditation. It's the moments of thinking of nothing that so many wonderful, joyous things come. It's kind of a gift that I give to myself as Santa.

**We bet Mrs. Claus loves to see you in such a relaxed state.**

Even at this time of year, Mrs. Claus and the elves are extremely busy. They're keeping up with me, being sure that I have my food [and] my time, and keeping the list on who's naughty and nice.

### Is there one toy that you're getting a lot of requests for this year?

No. There used to be one toy that everyone wants, but now so much technology has come into the world that everyone wants a smartphone.

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## Yum

## Boozy hot chocolates to warm you up

'Tis the season for hot chocolate — very officially, that is: National Cocoa Day is Dec. 13. If hot chocolate is a little too PG for your holiday festivities, kick it up a notch with these alcoholic cocoa concoctions.

**1** Baby, it's cold outside, but **Blue Ribbon Beer Garden** (190 Allen St., 212-466-0404) isn't letting that keep patrons from the outdoor terrace. Cozy

up under heat lamps and blankets with its new bourbon hot chocolate (\$11).

**2** The crew at the Lower East Side's **Mulberry Project** (149 Mulberry St., 646-448-4536) has concocted the Alpine Sailor Hot Cocoa cocktail — with maple syrup and rum — just in time for National Cocoa Day (\$14).

**3** The W Verbier in Switzerland is W Hotels' first ski retreat, and here in New York we're using that as grounds for celebration. All **W Hotels of New York** (www.whotelsnewyork.com) are serving a Chocolat Chaud (\$14-\$16) in their Living Rooms. We didn't want to hit the slopes, anyway.

**4** OK, here's one non-alcoholic place worth mentioning: **Balducci's Gourmet On The Go Cafe** (301 W. 56th St., 646-350-4195) has a peppermint hot cocoa to get you in the spirit. **ANISA ARSENAULT**



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gain back the calories you've burned off skating by grabbing a waffle or pancake — or both. It is Christmas, after all.

**Where:** 848 Washington St. **Hours:** The rink is open weekdays noon to midnight and weekends from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. **Admission:** \$12 for adults, \$6 for children, \$3 skate rental; locker rentals are available. **Phone:** 212-645-4646

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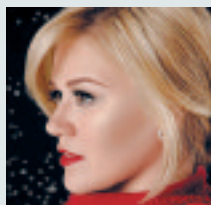
# It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas

Santa brings a mixed bag of holiday music this year. Artists who you'd think would deserve a lump of coal make the "nice list" and vice-versa. **PAT HEALY**

## 'Wrapped in Red'

### Kelly Clarkson

Listening to the first three songs on Kelly Clarkson's new release is like getting a detailed Christmas card from a good friend who you haven't thought of in a while. It's one part "Oh, hey, so that's what you've been up to" and one part "Oh, right, this is why I like you!" But if you keep listening, it's a bit like hanging out with that old friend for a long weekend. You get traces of "Oh yeah, that's what kinda always bugged me about you." (Mainly

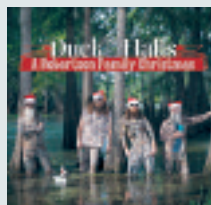


it's her choice of cover songs. Sure, Imogen Heap is great, but her "Just for Now" doesn't fit on this compilation.) But her voice is just as remarkable as it was when she won the first "American Idol." The highlight may be the original, "Winter Dreams (Brandon's Song)," which she wrote for her husband.

## "A Mary Christmas"

### Mary J. Blige

Mary's soulful voice and that punny title are holiday gold, right? Not quite. Her voice is great, but producer David Foster makes it sound like she's doing karaoke to a Josh Groban song.



## "Duck the Halls"

### The Robertsons

Sadie and Uncle Si can't sing, and there are lyrics like "We bought every string of lights Wal-Mart had," but the "Duck Dynasty" crew deliver goofy cheer for anyone who's been pining for a follow-up to "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer."

## Matisyahu. The now clean-shaven rapper on his new outlook

Matisyahu's stirring debut, 2004's "Shake Off the Dust... Arise," was his decisive arrival on the music scene — in full Hasidic garb, he sings and spits devotional verses over high-powered dance hall reggae. The deliberate manner in which he was able to unite such seemingly disparate elements as rap, reggae and Hasidism was met with widespread acclaim, as were his follow-up albums, 2006's "Youth" and "Light" three years later.

Despite the successes, however, he says his faithful adherence to Hasidic guidelines caused him to lose himself and his ability to make decisions, and his philosophy began to change. After he finished recording last year's "Spark Seeker" album, but before releasing it, he released something else into the world via Twitter: the near-unrecognizable image of a cleanly shaven



Matisyahu plays Sunday at Webster Hall (125 E 11th St.)  
MARK SQUIRES, GETTY IMAGES

Matisyahu. He says the reaction of some fans surprised him, but didn't bother him.

"There were a lot of people that were hurt, that were upset and didn't understand why I shaved my beard," he says. "But for me, it was a very inner, organic and real process that lasted over the course of the last 12, 13 years."

**KASIA PILAT**

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# From Gatsby to Greenwich

**Interview.** Carey Mulligan was nervous to sing in front of pros for “Inside Llewyn Davis.”

Carey Mulligan was coming from shooting “The Great Gatsby” when she arrived on set for Joel and Ethan Coen’s “Inside Llewyn Davis,” another film about New York City, this one set in the 1960s Village folk scene. “I had spent six months wearing very pretty dresses and spending lots of time in hair and makeup and wearing lots of jewelry,” she recalls. “When I came onto the Coen brothers’ film, I wore a big black wig and marched around being mean to everyone. It was quite freeing.”

In the film, Mulligan plays a folk singer in a Peter, Paul & Mary-esque trio, along with her husband (Justin Timberlake). She once had a fling with the titular brooding musician (Oscar Isaac), and it went so terribly she speaks to him solely in insults. “[The Coens] wanted to drive me to be meaner and harsher and more brutal and swear more. For some reason they found that funny.”

Like the Coens’ “O Brother, Where Art Thou?” and “The Ladykillers,” music plays a large part in “Inside Llewyn Davis.” Mulligan spent a lot of time with the music producer, T-Bone Burnett, to get into the vibe. It also required her to once again sing, as she did in “Shame.”

“I sang at school, like everyone else,” she recalls. “It’s always nerve-wracking. It was really, really scary on ‘Shame’ for the first take, because it was focused solely on my voice, and it was live. [Director Steve McQueen] wanted to do the whole thing with-



Carey Mulligan plays a terminally angry folk singer in the Coen brothers’ “Inside Llewyn Davis.” / WIREIMAGE

Carey’s take

## Watching herself

Unlike most of her films, which she watches only once, Mulligan has seen “Inside Llewyn Davis” thrice. “I thought it was so brave the way it was paced. They know the audience wants to hear the whole song and doesn’t want to be cut out of it,” she says. “I thought it was really beautiful the first time, then the second time I thought it was really hilarious. I’ve had a different experience each time.”

out cutting. You always hope they can cut around it.” Singing here was more lighthearted, but it still had its intensity. “I was nervous to sing in front of Justin and T-Bone, but they couldn’t have been nicer about the whole thing.”

The Coens try to stay in the shadows, creating this mystique around them as eccentric brothers sharing the same brain. Anyone who’s seen them speak,

however, knows they’re more approachable than that (if not quite normal). “I knew their work, but I had no idea who they were or what kind of people they were,” she says. But she wound up loving them instantly. “They’re so relaxed. There’s nothing pretentious about them. We were doing a Q&A in London and someone asked something like, ‘How do you do it? Walk us through your process.’ And Ethan was like, ‘Oh man, I don’t know. We watch the movie and it’s all f—ed up, and then we just un-f— it.’ They’re not going to talk about the magic of their genius.”

Mulligan says they don’t just run the camera and figure it out in editing. “They don’t shoot coverage. They just shoot what they’re going to use. They’ve already edited the film before they made it,” she says. “They know the story so well. They know exactly what will be on screen. They’re confident and calm, and that gives everyone the confidence to play around and try things.”



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“They wanted to drive me to be meaner and harsher and more brutal and swear more. For some reason they found that funny.”

Mulligan, on the Coen brothers and her character in “Inside Llewyn Davis”



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Matthew 10:28-29

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# A folk implosion

**Black comedy.**  
The legendary Coen brothers torture a penniless musician in "Inside Llewyn Davis."

The Coen brothers are never entirely upbeat, and they've certainly been gloomier than with "Inside Llewyn Davis." But it's pretty bleak. The film's titular hero (Oscar Isaac) is a folk singer in the '60s Greenwich Village scene, and he's as uncompromising as he is unpleasant. Both explain why he doesn't have a home. Penniless, he couch-surfs night to night, eternally exploiting the goodwill of an ever-dwindling circle of colleagues, confidants and benefactors.

Hope is dangled cruelly in front of him: The folk scene is taking off. But the masses like upbeat or pretty music, neither of which describes his miserabilist dirges. There's no green pasture for him, and no real plot — just a vicious circle of backslides and humiliations. Llewyn floats through his life like a sleepy-eyed ghost, dealing with angry exes (including Carey Mulligan, who speaks to him exclusively in insults) and the various



Oscar Isaac (with tabby cat) plays a struggling, penniless folk musician in '60s Greenwich Village in "Inside Llewyn Davis." / ALISON ROSA

tabby cats put accidentally under his care.

The Coens have been accused of hating their characters. The charge isn't unearned. They take clear enjoyment in punishing Llewyn. Whatever doesn't kill him only keeps him alive just enough to be tortured. As in the Coens' most recent work, the only gods are the filmmakers. And they're in a sadistic mood.

But as with their other films, their perspective is more complex than that. Llewyn is often unlikable, but he's impossible to hate. There's an admiration for Llewyn's devotion to principles. If the Coens really hated him, they'd make him talentless. Llewyn is not talentless. He's quite good. He's just not remotely commercial.

What transpires is very funny. But his failures are

### Review

'Inside Llewyn Davis'

Directors: Joel and Ethan Coen

Stars: Oscar Isaac, Carey Mulligan

Rating: R

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also crushing; more than many films, it captures the frustration of trying to make it in an impossible business during a wintry economic climate. One can watch "Inside Llewyn Davis" as a sad (albeit often funny) drama or a hilarious (albeit often sad) pitch black comedy.



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## Romance. Bosnian strife takes a backseat to mismatched stars

In "Twice Born," Emile Hirsch plays Diego, an obnoxious American optimist abroad. He's instantly captivated by Gemma (Penelope Cruz). She lacks a discernible personality, but she does look like Penelope Cruz, so that's enough. "Every day with me will be a party," he avers, in one of his overwrought, arms-flailing moments. "I can't stand being sad!" Unfortunately, Diego chose to be carefree in Sarajevo in the early 1990s.

The Bosnian War, which dominated the news cycle two decades ago, deserves an epic that tells its story and human-

izes its untold casualties and scarred survivors. But movie audiences rarely bother with tragedy unless a pretty, familiar face is involved. With "Twice Born," they get Cruz and Hirsch to distract from the real story.

It's an odd pairing, and not just because of the age gap. Even dirtied up as she is here, Cruz is still a glamazon to Hirsch's short, shaggy-haired goofball. The casting feels like the result of an unusually loopy bout of Mad Libs.

Gemma and Diego hang in a bubble of artists, who have no idea of the pain that's



Emile Hirsch and Penelope Cruz play lovers in "Twice Born." / ENTERTAINMENT ONE FILMS

coming. The atrocities are delayed far longer than they should be, at which point comes a battering ram of unearned shocks. This European production is cheesy and phony, nowhere more so than in its florid, undeliverable dialogue, which sounds like it's been translated, poorly, from various languages into English.

MATT PRIGGE

### Review

'Twice Born'

Director: Sergio Castellitto

Stars: Penelope Cruz, Emile Hirsch

Rating: R

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# Going down together

**TV miniseries.** The cast of "Bonnie & Clyde" immersed themselves in their stories and each other's company.

Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow began a two-year crime spree in 1932 that could never happen in 2013.

Sure, the fame-hungry robbers would be all over the Internet, posting selfies of Bonnie holding a pistol and chomping on a cigar on Instagram, but even if they were able to draw millions of followers on Twitter and maintain the public's interest for that amount of time, they couldn't have dodged the cops for that long.

"You couldn't have it [happen] now, because there would be an Amber alert like 12 minutes later," says Lane Garrison, who plays Clyde's brother Buck on the two-night miniseries "Bonnie & Clyde."

The concept of people being products of their times was very much present in the minds of the "Bonnie & Clyde" cast, which also includes Holliday Grainger and Emile Hirsch in the respective title roles, William Hurt as the Texas Ranger who hunts them down and Sarah Hyland (Haley from "Modern



While it seems that these people get along (from left, William Hurt, Austin Hebert, Holliday Grainger, Emile Hirsch and Lane Garrison) they play characters who lead each other into deadly situations. "Bonnie & Clyde" airs on Sunday and Monday at 9 p.m. on History and Lifetime networks. / GETTY IMAGES

Family!") as Buck's wife. Garrison says they all read Jeff Guinn's book, "Go Down Together: The True, Untold Story of Bonnie & Clyde," before coming onto the set.

"This was a young man dealing in the middle of the Depression era and they didn't have anything," says Garrison, who grew up in Dallas, where the gangsters are originally from. "They had no money and Buck lacked an education, so of course he took to a life of crime. For me, stepping into that character, it was really about understanding what motivated him — and that was family, first and foremost."

To get that family feel, he and Hirsch also spent a good deal of time bro-ing out.

"Emile and I — two weeks out, before the shoot — we literally hung out

## Pros at cons

### The difference be-Tweener characters

Garrison is probably best known for playing another outlaw, David "Tweener" Apolskis on the show "Prison Break." He says the fact that both characters are criminals is probably the only thing they have in common. "I felt in 'Prison Break' that Tweener was one of

these innocent bystanders of the criminal justice system," he says, "and I feel like the difference between these characters was that Buck really made some bad decisions along the way, and I think he was always a bit of a helion. Tweener ... was sort of one of those kids who just gets caught up in the criminal justice system, and I feel like Buck definitely instigated the crime spree."

24/7," says Garrison. "We did everything together; I mean, stupid things like going gator-watching, and we would work out together and we would go watch movies like they did, and I think by bonding us together — we're really

tight, we talk all the time now and we're really good friends — I think that was the main part of knowing who this person was."



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## Concert. Vienna Boys Choir at Carnegie Hall

On Sunday, the illustrious Vienna Boys Choir will perform at Carnegie Hall. And the next day, they visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art for two performances. The 100 singers, between 10 and 14 years old, break into four groups who tour up to 11 weeks per year. We spoke with Artistic Director and President Gerald Wirth — who's not only an alum, he's also a conductor and teacher.

should see: We climb the Empire State Building, maybe do a boat trip around Manhattan, things like that. ... And boys will be boys, they need to goof around, they need time to play. Sports is very important in our organization — many of the boys take soccer more seriously than music!

### Do they notice the fame?

I talk to the boys regularly to make them aware of ... all the great, wonderful artists of the last 500 years, like [Joseph] Haydn. We have the honor to step in their footsteps, but it's also a big challenge to work as hard as we can to continue this tradition and pass it on to future generations.

### Do all of the boys tour?

We divide a school season into three parts, and each choir spends one-third touring around the world.

VICKI SALEMI

### What's on tap for NYC?

We'll perform a variety [of songs] from all different [countries and] centuries: "I'll Be Home for Christmas," for example, "Silver Bells" and "Feliz Navidad." At the end of the first half, we do "Thank You for the Music" by ABBA.

### What about downtime?

Usually when we go to New York, we hope to show the boys some of the things that everybody



The Vienna Boys Choir will perform at Carnegie Hall on Dec. 8 with tickets ranging from \$10-\$80 ([www.carnegiehall.org](http://www.carnegiehall.org)). Their 6:30 p.m. show at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Dec. 9 is sold out — but 8:45 p.m. tickets are still available from \$70-\$90 and include admission to the museum ([www.metmuseum.org](http://www.metmuseum.org)). For more, read the full interview at [www.metro.us](http://www.metro.us). / LUKAS BECK

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# Noma chef pulls back the tablecloth



## Rene Redzepi.

The acclaimed Copenhagen chef chronicles a year at his restaurant.

Right now, there's arguably no more famous kitchen than Copenhagen's Noma, voted best in the world by Restaurant magazine three years in a row and boasting two Michelin stars. The New York Times called head chef Rene Redzepi's food "intelligent and delicious," but don't take their word for it: Metallica's Lars Ulrich dubbed him the Pablo Picasso of cooking in the foreword to Redzepi's new book, "Rene Redzepi: A Work in Progress."

The three-volume memoir — part diary, part cookbook, part behind-the-scenes glimpse — chronicles a year in the life of Noma.

Redzepi, an alumnus of Spain's dearly departed

## Taking coffee seriously

**You just revamped Noma's coffee program — the wait staff was specially trained in a pour-over brewing method. Why?**

Coffee was always this afterthought for most restaurants. And even though we thought we had a good attention to it, once we really dug deep, we knew that we weren't as specialized as

we are with wine, or with starters, or with main courses, or with cognac. And now, it changed especially the service team — suddenly, they are cooking something. It's quite amazing, actually. So not only is it more delicious, but the team are better, more together because they're like, "Hey, we're gonna cook something every day."

culinary vanguard El Bulli, admits he's only begun to explore the possibilities of Nordic cuisine.

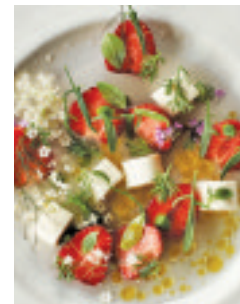
**Did you write this book partly to remind yourself why you became a chef?**

It was probably more to remind me why I opened the restaurant, as a project that was made for fun and the idea of just trying to find the flavor of a region. We never intended it to be set up to win the accolades

we've come to have. And everybody tells you now you've reached the mountaintop, stay there, don't change things.

**And you certainly have reached the top.**

I don't think we've reached the top. The ultimate top is still the day when we can truly talk about what is that flavor of the region, what is it that we cook. And in that picture, we're like infants.



**Michelin star meal at home:**  
Make Strawberries and Chamomile with the recipe at [www.metro.us](http://www.metro.us). / PROVIDED

**What do you want people to understand about Nordic cuisine?**

Nordic food is about the cuisine of wherever you are, that's the special thing of it, that we cooked food in a place where people didn't think you could. If there is one little tiny message there, it's that food can happen everywhere.

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## The color of the year

And the color of the year goes to .... Radiant Orchid! In the yearly announcement by Pantone about what will be the hottest hue next year, Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, announced Radiant Orchid as the color we'll be seeing everywhere next year. The reason for the big win? The color is "an enchanting harmony of fuchsia, purple and pink undertones" that "inspires confidence and emanates great joy, love and health," she says. So sorry, Defiant Daisy, for your loss.



WAS AMY ADAMS IN THE KNOW ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S BIG COLOR WHEN SHE CHOSE THIS PURPLE ... ERM ... I MEAN, RADIANT ORCHID ... GOWN IN NOVEMBER?



See that face? That is the face of someone who doesn't read reviews. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Britney doesn't know her new album stinks

The reviews for Britney Spears' new album, "Britney Jean," have been pretty terrible — but Spears herself has no idea.

"Britney's manager, Larry Rudolph, and her father, Jamie, won't allow her to see any of the bad reviews," a source tells

Radar Online. "Britney doesn't even have access to the Internet and lives in a bubble. Her team will allow her to believe that the album is being well-received. No one wants to upset Britney. If she were to read anything negative, it could send her into a

bad tailspin, and both Larry and Jamie know that can't happen with her upcoming shows in Vegas about to launch."

Well, in good news, we now know that Britney Spears can read. So that's at least something to hold on to?



Can this pop culture dream team save "Keeping Up with the Kardashians"? Actually, probably not.

## Kardashian numbers crash

You might not have the Kardashians to kick around for much longer (dare to dream, no?).

According to the ratings, the Season 8 finale of "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" that aired Dec. 1, 2013 raked in a disappointing 1.96 million viewers. By comparison, they had,

on average, 3.39 million viewers for Season 5.

If Lamar Odom's drug scandal, Kris Jenner's divorce and Kim Kardashian birthing Kanye West's child isn't enough to turn around the ratings — what is? Scott Disick revealing that he is actually an evil talking mannequin?

### Talking points

## Bynes finally leaving rehab

Amanda Bynes is a free woman once more. The troubled actress has completed her in-patient treatment and is at her family's home for the holidays, according to People magazine. "She's feeling better every day," her mother's attorney, Tamar Arminak, tells the magazine. "Despite the fact Amanda is no longer in a facility, her outpatient treatment is continuing. She's very happy to reestablish the loving relationship with her family that she once shared." Bynes' next court date is set for Jan. 7.

## Daley on his new love

Tom Daley is more than happy to gush about boyfriend Dustin Lance Black — though he doesn't mention him by name — now that he's opened up about dating a man. "We were at a party and I hadn't even spoken to him all night. I didn't know what to do or if he was gay at first," Daley tells Jonathan Ross during an interview. "I typed 'call me' in his notes with a smiley face on his phone and the next day he texted."

## THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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### By the numbers

# \$197K

Bruce Springsteen's handwritten lyrics for "Born to Run" caught big bucks at an auction on Thursday, fetching \$197,000 pledged by an anonymous donor. Sotheby's had expected the lyrics to fetch between \$70,000 and \$100,000.

Coincidentally, \$197,000 is the amount that Springsteen probably pays his personal trainer each week to look that good at the age of 64.

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## Horoscope

**♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.** Listen to what's being said, but don't rush to follow. Make your moves based on what is most likely to bring rewards.

**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.** Focus on looking your best. Update your image, and you'll make an impression. Financial prospects are looking good.

**♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.** Stick close to home. Travel and communication will lead to delays and frustration. Make alterations to the way you earn a living. Let passion lead the way.

**♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.** Re-evaluate your relationships. Associate with the people who have the most to offer. Romance will change your love life.

**♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.** Make a toast. Concentrate on contracts; finalize and tidy up loose ends. A change in finances looks promising.

**♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.** Travel to destinations that will bring you closer to the people you love. Social activities will lead to nostalgia. Romance is in the stars.

**♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.** Put greater emphasis on relationships. Massage any problems that have the potential to come back to haunt you.

**♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.** Make some alterations at home to accommodate the activities you will embark on before the end of the year. Shop for something unusual at a bargain price.

**♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.** Your charm and wit will put you into the spotlight. Use whatever chance you get to impress people you want to work with.

**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Work diligently to clear up a project that needs to be completed with precision and detail.

**♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** Refuse to get into a disagreement. Compromise, and you will bypass a situation that is getting blown out of proportion.

**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.** High energy will get you to the finish line in time to move on to more entertaining activities. Don't let jealousy stand between you and a romantic evening. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

## Sudoku: Easy and hard

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**How to play**  
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Letters

## Lawyers are monkeying around

## Re: 'Chimp rights case reaches court' (Metro, Dec. 5)

So instead of just pursuing the already-on-the-books (and incredibly progressive) New York animal protection laws that have worked in thousands of prior cases and would almost certainly be a slam dunk in this case, you've decided to argue that chimps are individuals entitled to individual rights on par with people. I'm guessing that if this chimp could speak, he'd hire some better lawyers — possibly ones whose goal is to actually win his case.

**TONY NGUYEN, VIA EMAIL**

## Workers deserve better

The state constitution of Michigan has been ruled worthless! That's what judge Steven Rhodes decided when he ruled that state laws do not cover pensions. All this after Kevyn Orr, who was appointed Detroit's emergency manager, failed miserably to do anything. These workers EARNED their pensions and now they'll get to see those pensions dissolve in front of their eyes.

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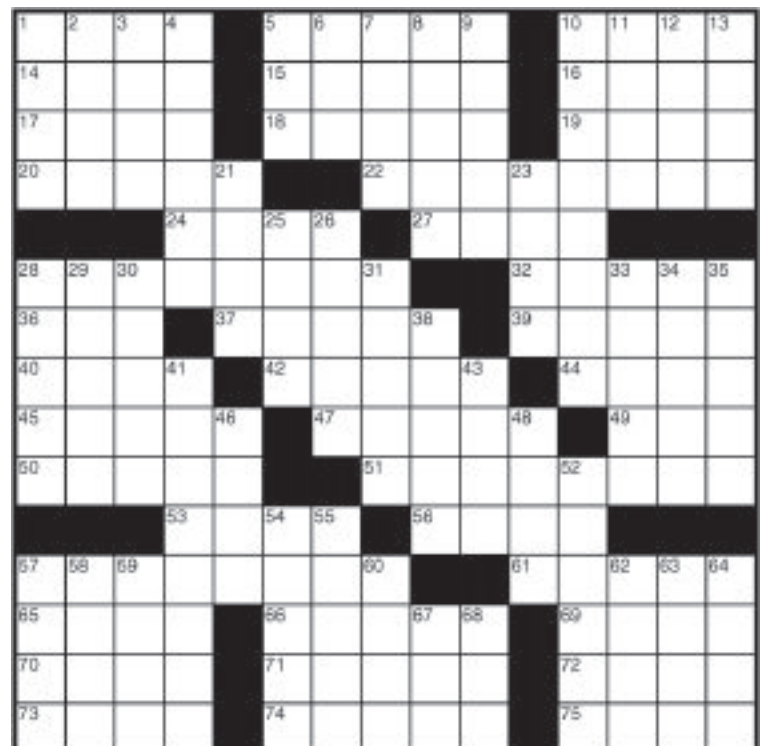
- 1 Rainbow goddess
- 5 Florida theme park
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- 15 Change form
- 16 McClurg or Brickell
- 17 Fit to —
- 18 Retail business
- 19 Hawk
- 20 Disgustingly dirty
- 22 Adieus
- 24 Listen closely
- 27 Get better
- 28 Entrances
- 32 Harrow parts
- 36 Stein filler
- 37 Cure salmon
- 39 Wide tie
- 40 Perchance
- 42 Motionless
- 44 Firefighter's gear
- 45 D-sharp alias
- 47 Synthetic fabric
- 49 Actress — Hagen
- 50 Make a claim
- 51 Wire
- 53 MIT grad
- 56 Vanquish a dragon
- 57 Award
- 61 "Billy Goats Gruff" foe
- 65 Sheik, usually
- 66 Tilter's milieu

## Down

- 69 Novelist — Seton
- 70 Matador's foe
- 71 Aquatic mammal
- 72 Greenhorn
- 73 Natural crystals
- 74 Composition
- 75 "All My — Live in Texas"
- 1 One was Terrible
- 2 Beatles' meter maid
- 3 Chills the wine
- 4 Do a slow burn
- 5 911 responder
- 6 Kind of roast
- 7 Give a crew cut
- 8 Talk-show name
- 9 Limerick starter
- 10 Mischievous
- 11 Blissful spot
- 12 Bob's road buddy
- 13 Koppel et al.
- 21 Wobbles, as a rocket
- 23 Mock fanfare (hyph.)
- 25 Rear-ends
- 26 Temple city of Japan
- 28 Freightner hazards
- 29 Hang — (turn)
- 30 AC pioneer
- 31 Go around
- 33 Scrub hard
- 34 — del Sol

- 35 Vapor
- 38 Cherbourg shes
- 41 Acknowledge applause (3 wds.)
- 43 Recline lazily
- 46 Portable shelter
- 48 Spruce
- 52 Revolve
- 54 Action doll (2 wds.)
- 55 Origins
- 57 Panthers
- 58 Heavy metal
- 59 Tahiti staple
- 60 Brownie bits
- 62 Black gem
- 63 Ancient harp
- 64 Burma neighbor
- 67 Whale domain
- 68 Have a go at

## Thursday's answer





# Jets getting healthy, offense whole again

**NFL.** Jeremy Kerley is finally back from a dislocated elbow to help an offense that's looked very bad recently.

There are no excuses now.

The league's worst passing offense will get some serious help this week with its three leading targets back and healthy.

Wide receivers Antonio Holmes (hamstring, foot) and Jeremy Kerley (elbow), along with tight end Kellen Winslow (knee), were sharp in Thursday's practice, which head coach Rex Ryan claimed was another good session for the offense.

"I think it's going to help us, I don't think there's any doubt about that," Ryan said. "With a healthy Holmes, Kerley and Winslow, that's a big help for us."

Holmes played just three snaps last Sunday,



Dynamic slot receiver Jeremy Kerley should help out quarterback Geno Smith on offense this Sunday against Oakland. / GETTY IMAGES

## By the numbers

# 347

Jeremy Kerley still leads the Jets in receiving yards with 347 yards on 28 catches — also a team high — even though he hasn't played since Nov. 3.

and Kerley was inactive for this past Sunday's loss to the Dolphins.

Ryan sees their return as a major lift for an offense that managed just two first downs in the first half of their last game.

Kerley leads the team with 28 receptions for 347 yards and two

touchdowns.

"I think Kerley has been outstanding as a slot receiver this season for us," Ryan said. "Obviously getting Holmes back and healthier will be a big help for us."

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## What to watch for

### 1 Rookie vs. rookie

Raiders rookie quarterback Matt McGloin is making just his fourth NFL start, with Oakland having posted a 1-2 record in his first three starts. McGloin was an undrafted free agent out of Penn State but he's made overall shrewd decisions and has thrown just two interceptions.

### 2 Protecting Geno

Part of the struggles for Geno Smith this year have been due to the limited time he's had to throw in the pocket. Smith has been sacked 38 times this year, third-most in the league. If the Jets can protect Smith, maybe they can move the ball on offense.

### 3 Holmes again

Rex Ryan sounded optimistic that wide receiver Antonio Holmes, who played just three snaps last Sunday in the loss at the Dolphins, will be more active this week. Holmes leads the team with a little over 25 yards per reception.

# 3

## SPORTS



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## NFL. Chargers eyeing revitalized Giants' pass rush on Sunday

The Giants have acknowledged all week that they're leery of the Chargers' potent offense. But San Diego needs to worry about a Big Blue pass rush that has been revitalized.

New York ventures west with their playoff hopes on the brink, bringing the reigning NFC Defensive Player of the Week in defensive end Justin Tuck — who had four sacks last week — and hopefully his bookend, Jason Pierre-Paul, who sat out last week's win over Washington with an injured shoulder.

"I watched the Sunday night game, and Tuck,

there was a lot [of negative things] said about him, but then he goes out and has four [sacks] in a game," Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers said. "I know Tuck [since] going against him and Notre Dame in the Gator Bowl way back in '02-'03, so he's had a heck of a run."

Pierre-Paul, who has yet to have a performance anywhere near as good as Tuck's this season, said he's still looking to get back on the field after watching the Washington game. He said he was "hopeful" he'll get the chance to play on Sunday.

**TONY WILLIAMS**

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## The Woodman

Danny Woodhead was

## NFL news

Don't fall into the trap of thinking that Ladarius Green is blocked by Antonio Gates. The Chargers are using the two-tight end set as their base, making a concerted effort to unleash Green's massive potential.

the everyman hero early in the season as he dominated point-per-reception formats. From Weeks 2 to 8, he averaged 14.2 touches per game and 36.7 snaps. In Weeks 9 to 13, he's at just nine touches and 29 snaps.



Danny Woodhead  
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The reduced role is a result of Ryan Mathews' impressive play and perhaps the coach's perception that Woodhead is wearing down. Despite a plus matchup at home against the Giants this week, the Woodman can be put on the shelf.

## Air Jordan

Our favorite preseason sleeper has hit the skids. Thanks in large part to inept quarterback play and Josh Gordon dominating targets, Jordan Cameron has just 14 catches for 108 yards with no touchdowns the last four weeks. Now he has to

go to a tough spot at New England and might be catching passes from Alex Tanney or Caleb Hanie.

## Jordy boy

We knew the entire Packers offense would take a hit with Aaron Rodgers down. But we didn't know it would be this bad. Scott Tolzien and Matt Flynn have been so inept that one of the best receivers in football, Jordy Nelson, has just 20 catches for 245 yards with no touchdowns over the last four weeks. If Rodgers' collarbone isn't ready to rock by Sunday, Nelson will be more of a top-35 play than top-10.

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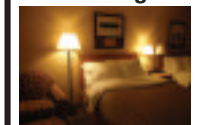
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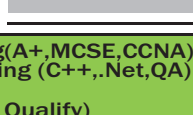
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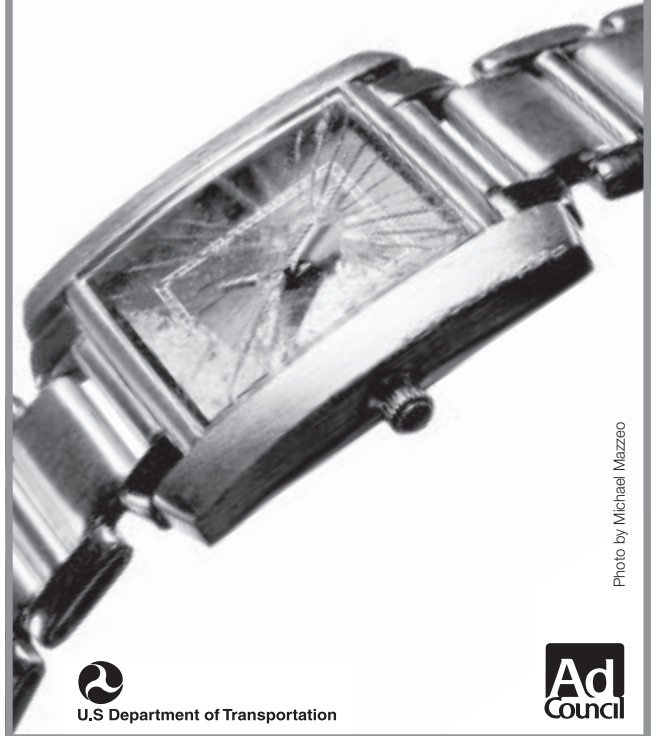


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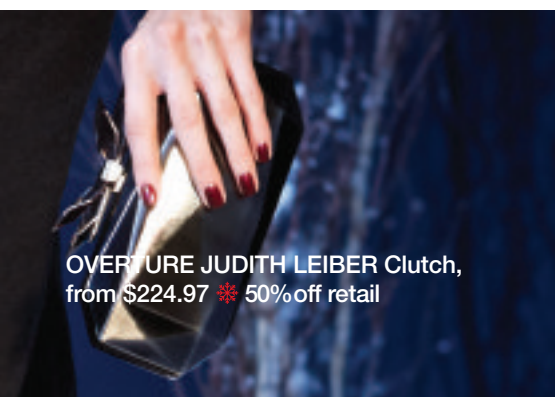
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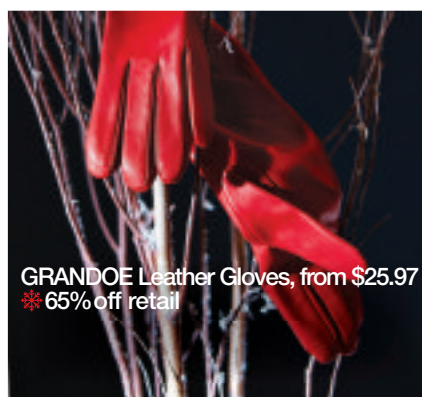
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